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In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The attached documents were cited during the examination of the German priority application (DE 100 00 287). An English-language translation of the Abstract of the German language documents is enclosed so that the Examiner can determine the relevance of these

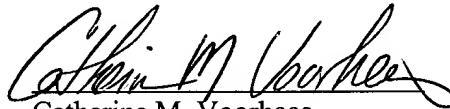
language documents is enclosed so that the Examiner can determine the relevance of these documents. WO 97/04428 is in the English language and the Examiner can glean the relevance of this document.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of an action that closes prosecution in the application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), a fee of \$180.00 is attached.

In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guide lines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

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